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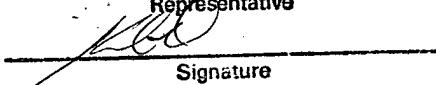
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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2007 (the period for response to which has been extended to February 13, 2008 by virtue of the accompanying petition and fee), please consider the following:

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